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California State Assembly

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Dear Resident,

Enclosed is important information about legislation pending before the California Assembly. This mailer highlights measures that focus on access to quality education, addressing community health issues, honoring veterans, foster care reform, tackling recidivism, funding environmental gems and supporting working families. It is a pleasure to work for the constituents of the Assembly District.

To track this legislation, please log on to **www.leginfo.ca.gov**. If you any questions or need more information, please call (323) 937-2047.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

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EDUCATION

AB 177 – Funding Extension for Soledad Enrichment Action (SEA) Charter School

This legislation extends funding for another 10 years for the Soledad Enrichment Action Charter School, which serves at-risk youth in Los Angeles County. SEA is an educational alternative to keep youth in school and out of gangs.

AB 1014 – New School Construction

This bill helps school districts qualify for state construction funds in urban areas like Los Angeles. Under the current funding formula year-round schools are at a disadvantage.

AB 1316 – Income Supplement for Retired Teachers

This bill enables disabled teachers to receive a retirement allowance while their application for disability is being processed.

AB 1540 – Cash for College Program

This bill provides funding to implement a statewide Cash for College Program, which helps low-income and first generation college goers complete the application process so they can access state and federal financial aid.

ENVIRONMENT

AB 3 – Baldwin Hills Conservancy

This bill continues funding the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, which purchases land to extend Kenneth Hahn Park.

VETERANS

AB 138 – Veterans Parking Exemption

This measure provides veterans with a special license plate so they won't have to pay parking fees for specified state or local parking facilities.

WORKING FAMILIES

AB 167 – CalWORKS Asset Limit Elimination

This bill enables working families with assets like a car or retirement account to apply for CalWORKS.

SMALL BUSINESS

AB 1695 – Small Business Bond Surety

This bill allocates \$40 million to assist small businesses to obtain state bond security, which is required for government contracts.

FOSTER CARE

AB 149 – Foster Youth Relative Searches

This measure will provide computer technology to help social workers identify family members that help foster youth connect with their families after leaving the foster care system.

AB 172 – HIPPY Early Education Program

This legislation will create an early educational pilot project for foster parents and foster children.

AB 184 – Independent Living Parity

This bill allows foster youth adopted at age 14 or older or in care of non-relative guardianship placement to be eligible for Independent Living Program Services.

AB 194 – Caseload/Workload Reduction

This bill continues to reduce the number of cases that social workers have to manage to better service the needs of foster youth, families and guardians.

AB 638 – Dependant Youth Parity

This measure would ensure that foster youth who cross over into the juvenile justice system would continue to receive case management services, including permanent planning, the Independent Living Program, the Chaffee education grant and other eligible services.

AB 845 – Housing for Foster Youth

This bill increases funds to develop housing for foster youth when they leave the foster care system.

HEALTH

AB 741 – Infant Mortality Reduction Strategies

This bill establishes pilot programs to address the infant mortality rates of African Americans.

AB 658 – Homicide Prevention Study/Pilot Programs

This bill requires a study to examine the disproportionate rate of African-American male homicide rates focusing in the inner city to develop pilot programs.

RECIDIVISM

AB 161 – Re-Entry Grants

This measure will fund community-based organizations in partnership with law enforcement to develop services that help individuals reintegrate into communities after leaving prison.